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CAPETOWN FOR EMBASSY

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SUBJ: FURTHER BRIEFINGS ON VIENNA AND CAPETOWN TALKS

SUMMARY: MCHENRY CARRIED OUT INSTRUCTED BRIEFINGS ON THE VIENNA AND CAPETOWN TALKS OF NAMIBIAN COMMISSIONER AHTISAARI AND ANGOLAN PERM REP FIGUEIREDO. HE ALSO MET WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL FARAH. AHTISAARI DISCUSSED THE ROLE OF THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR MCHENRY JUNE 2 MET WITH UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA AHTISAARI TO BRIEF HIM ON THE VIENNA AND CAPETOWN TALKS IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS AND AGREEMENTS AMONG THE FIVE  
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IN NEW YORK. FOLLOWING MCHENRY'S BRIEFING, AHTISAARI ASKED WHETHER THE FIVE HAD RECEIVED A WRITTEN RESPONSE FROM SWAPO AS YET, AND WHE HE LEARNED THAT SWAPO IN ITS RE-SPONSE HAD TAKEN PINAS TO MENTION ALL UN RESOLUTIONS BEARING ON NAMIBIA HE SPECULATED THAT SWAPO WAS CONCERNED NOT ONLY TO ENHANCE ITS OWN POSITION IN THE TRANSITIONAL PROCESS BUT ALSO THE ENSURE THAT THE COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA IS

GIVEN A MAJOR ROLE.

2. MCHENRY SAID WE OF COURSE RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR A COUNCIL ROLE BUT ARE NOT YET CLEAR JUST WHAT IT CAN AND SHOULD BE. AHTISAARI EMPHASIZED THAT THE FIVE NEED TO DEAL WITH THE "POLITICAL" ENTITY OF THE COUNCIL ITSELF, NOT JUST THE EXECUTIVE REPRESENTED BY HIS OFFICE. HE SAID HE INTENDS TO SUGGEST THAT THE SYG HIMSELF MAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH THE COUNCIL.

3. MCHENRY MENTIONED THAT WE HAD SUGGESTED TO THE SYG THAT MUCH WORK NEEDS TO BE DONE TO ENABLE US TO IMPLEMENT SC RESOLUTION 385. AHTISAARI AGAIN COMMENTED ON HIS SHOCK AT HOW LITTLE THOUGHT HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE UN'S ROLE WHEN HE TOOK UP HIS PRESENT POSITION. HE SAID HE HAD MET WITH THE UN LEGAL DIVISION EARLIER JUNE 2 TO DISCUSS THIS, BUT LITTLE HAS BEEN DONE AS YET. HE COMMENTED THAT EVEN CONTINGENCY PLANNING IN THE UN SYSTEM MUST HAVE A FORMAL, CLEAR MANDATE FROM SOME AUTHORITY, ONE REASON NOT MUCH HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED. HE SAID HIS PERSONAL POSITION GETS MORE DIFFICULT WITH THE PASSAGE OF TIME (NO FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF THAT REMARK), SO HE FEELS COMPELLED TO PROCEED WITH CARE AND RELATIVE FORMALITY IN WORKING OUT HIS PART IN THE UN'S HANDLING OF THE PROBLEM.

4. FIGUEIREDO AND FARAH RECEIVED THE BRIEFINGS WITH APPRECIATION BUT LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT.  
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